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SUBJECT: CENTCOM GENERAL PETRAEUS MEETS WITH PAKISTAN COAS
KAYANI

Classified By: Ambassador Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

Summary: (C) In a January 20 meeting with U.S. CENTCOM Commander General David Petraeus, Pakistan Chief of the Army Staff General Ashfaq Kayani

1. (C) U.S. CENTCOM Commander General David Petraeus, accompanied by the Ambassador, J5 Major General Robert Allardice and POLAD Michael Gfoel

Musharraf's Situation

2. (C) In opening remarks regarding General Kayani, s likely move into the official COAS residence, Kayani observed that former President Mush

Coalition Support Funds

3. (C) Kayani spoke candidly about the process of reimbursement of Coalition Support Funds (CSF). He said it was important to avoid the impres

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4. (C) Kayani explained that his military budget had been flat lined, and therefore had dropped sharply in real terms; military spending now i

Swat Valley

5. (C) Kayani was clear that the GOP had lost control of the Swat valley. He said the police had no ability to come in after the army to "hold

Frontier Corps

6. (C) Petraeus said that the Frontier Corps (FC) was working well with Special Operations Forces, largely because of the leadership of the Fr

7. (C) Kayani and Petraeus agreed that some of the civilian/military projects, which had been impeded at the 11th Corps, needed to be speeded

Pakistan/India

8. (C) Petraeus said the most important threat to Pakistan was on the western border and internally. Terrorists were an existential threat to
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action the evening that Indian External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee had supposedly called President Zardari and threatened to declare war

Next Steps

9. (C) Kayani returned to the issue of CSF at the conclusion of the conversation, saying that he hoped to have the May CSF submission soon, bu

10. (C) Petraeus said he was looking forward to welcoming Kayani to Tampa during his February 2009 counterpart visit. Kayani said he hoped, af

11. (U) This cable has been cleared by CENTCOM. PATTERSON